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I CANNOT allow this opportunity to pass without expressing our great sorrow and deep regret at the news of the unhappy and unnatural crime which we have met here to notice this morning. We never experienced on the Exchange so exciting and so shocking a piece of intelligence as that of so able and so valuable a President of the United States as Abraham Lincoln cut off in the prime of life—in his fifty-sixth year—in this cruel and atrocious manner. We have experienced a heavy and permanent loss, and one not soon to be forgotten, but which will be long and painfully remembered by the English, as well as our Parsee community. Happening, too, just as he had successfully brought the war to a close, and might look forward to a comparative period of rest from his most arduous and important duties. Indeed, he may be said to have been thus untimely removed upon the eve of proclaiming peace to his country, and thus paving the way to the prosperity of the world at large. It is, indeed, a most shocking affair, the consequences of which no one can foresee, but still we must hope that this disastrous war will be carried no further. We sincerely commiserate Mrs. Lincoln's severe calamity, and wish that there was anything in our power to alleviate her distress. We trust that she will endeavour to reconcile herself to this awful dispensation. It is true that there is nothing permanent or lasting in this world, and the tall and strong oak is as easily cut down by the hand of Omnipotence as the plant is plucked up. May that gracious God who has seen fit to afflict her continue to support her under this and every other trial, till she arrive at last at that kingdom where the wicked cease from troubling and where the weary are at rest! This is the sincere prayer of us each and all.

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